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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MINNESOTA GOVERNOR ANDERSON AND PARTY

REF: PEKING 1619; STATE 204539

1. MINNSEOTA GOVERNOR ANDERSON'S PARTY OF 14 LEFT PEKING SEPT 6 FOR SHANGHAI AND HANGCHOW. ANDERSON DID NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO CONTACT USLO, BUT WE DID TRACK HIM DOWN AT PEKING HOTEL DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE. HE AND ONE MEMBER OF PARTY VISITED USLO THAT AFTERNOON, AND ACTING CHIEF AND OTHER OFFICERS JOINED HIM AND PARTY FOR COCKTAILS AT PEKING HOTEL THAT EVENING. ACTING CHIEF ALSO SAW PARTY OFF AT AIRPORT NEXT MORNING.

2. GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED TWO WIVES AND SEVERAL PROMINENT MINNESOTANS, VISITED HARBIN AND TACHING. THEY WILL FLY DIRECTLY FROM SHANGHAI AFTER VISITING HANGCHOW SO WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEARN FROM THEM WHAT THEY SAW AT HANGCHOW.

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3. RANKING CHINESE SEEING ANDERSON PARTY OFF AT AIR-

PORT WAS YEUEH TAI-HENG, LEADING MEMBER OF CHINA TRAVEL AND TOURISM ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU. ANDERSON TOLD US THAT CHINESE HAD GIVEN HIM ONLY ABOUT TEN DAYS' NOTICE THAT HIS LONG-STANDING REQUEST TO LEAD PARTY OF MINNESOTANS TO CHINA HAD BEEN GRANTED. EVEN ON DEPARTURE FROM PEKING AIRPORT, ANDERSON WAS NOT CLEAR AS TO IDENTITY OF HOST ORGANIZATION.

4. AS REPORTED BY NCNA, ANDERSON PARTY MET WITH NPC STANDING COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN TAN CHUN-LIN AFTER-NOON BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM PEKING. YUEH AND NANCY TANG ATTENDED THIS ONE-HOUR MEETING, WHICH WE GATHER DEALT ONLY IN GENERALITIES.

5. ANDERSON TOLD US AT AIRPORT THAT HE INTENDED TO INVITE TO MINNESOTA A SINGING GROUP THAT HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO IDENTIFY AS "CHILDREN'S RAILROAD SINGING GROUP OF HARBIN," WHICH HAD PERFORMED ON THEIR ARRIVAL THERE. ANOTHER MEMBER OF ANDERSON PARTY, CARL M. JOHNSON, GRAIN DEALER FROM ST. PETER, MINNESOTA, TOLD US ALSO AT AIRPORT THAT HE HOPED TO INVITE TO MINNESOTA FOR TEN-DAY PERIOD IN SEPT 1976 REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CHINESE AGRICULTURE. SINCE TIME AT AIRPORT SO SHORT, WE ENCOURAGED BOTH ANDERSON AND JOHNSON TO DISCUSS THESE POSSIBLE INVITATIONS WITH THEIR HOSTS BEFORE DEPARTING SHANGHAI, AND WE ALSO SUGGESTED, IF THEY DESIRED, TO SEEK FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM ARMSTRONG OR ROY IN EA/PRCM. THAYER

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